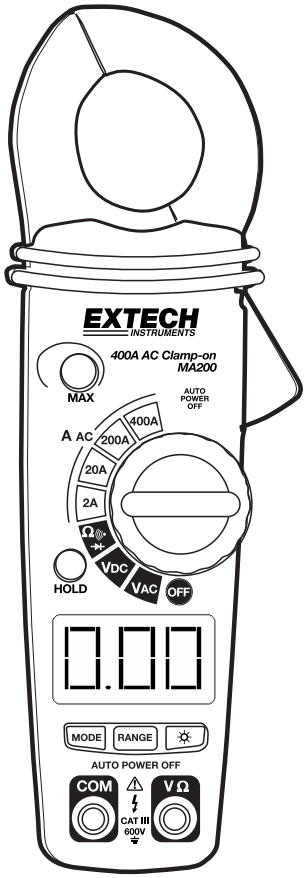
User's Guide

EXTECH INSTRUMENTS

400A AC Clamp Meter

Model MA200



Introduction

Thank you for selecting the Extech MA200 AC Clamp Meter. This meter measures AC Current, AC/DC Voltage, Resistance, Diode Test, and Continuity. This professional meter, with proper care, will provide years of safe reliable service.

Safety

International Safety Symbols

This symbol, adjacent to another symbol or terminal, indicates the user must refer to the manual for further information.

This symbol, adjacent to a terminal, indicates that, under normal use, hazardous voltages may be present

Double insulation

A UL mark does not indicate that this product has been evaluated for the accuracy of its readings.

SAFETY NOTES

- Do not exceed the maximum allowable input range of any function
- Do not apply voltage to meter when resistance function is selected.
- Set the function switch OFF when the meter is not in use.
- Remove the battery if meter is to be stored for longer than 60 days.

WARNINGS

- Set function switch to the appropriate position before measuring.
- When measuring volts do not switch to current/resistance modes.
- Do not measure current on a circuit whose voltage exceeds 240V.
- When changing ranges using the selector switch always disconnect the test leads from the circuit under test.
- Do not exceed the maximum rated input limits.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III

This meter meets the IEC 610-1-95 standard for OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III. Cat III meters are protected against overvoltage transients in fixed installation at the distribution level. Examples include switches in the fixed installation and some equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation.

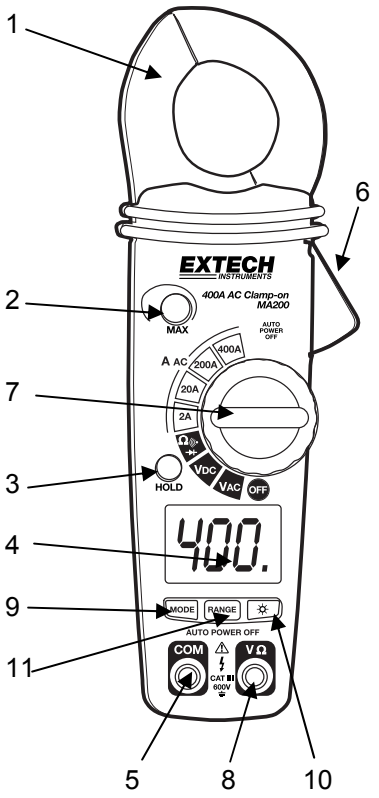
Specifications

Function	Range	Accuracy (of reading)
AC Current	2.000 ACA	± (2.5% + 10 digits)
	20.00 ACA	± (2.5% + 4 digits)
	200.0 ACA	± (2.5% + 4 digits)
	400 ACA	± (3.0% + 5 digits)
AC Voltage	200.0mV,	± (1.5% + 30 digits)
	2.000V	± (1.5% + 3 digits)
	20.00V	
	200.0V	
	600V	± (2.0% + 4 digits)
DC Voltage	200.0mV	± (0.5% + 5 digits)
	2.000V	± (1.2% + 3 digits)
	20.00V	
	200.0V	
	600V	± (1.5% + 3 digits)
Resistance Ω	200.0	± (1.0% + 4 digits)
	2.000k	± (1.5% + 2 digits)
	20.00k	
	200.0k	
	2.000M	± (2.0% + 3 digits)
	20.00M	± (3.0% + 5 digits)

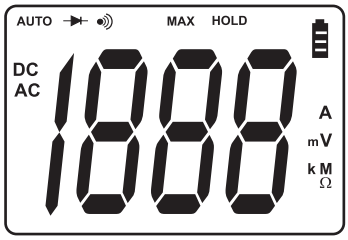
Jaw size	0.9" (23mm) approx.
Display	3-1/2 digits (2000 counts) LCD
Continuity	Audible tone < 120Ω approx.
Diode Test	Open circuit voltage < 1.5VDC; Test current 0.3mA (typical)
AC V bandwidth	50Hz to 400Hz
AC A bandwidth	50/60Hz
Low battery indication	"BAT" is displayed
Overrange indication	"OL" is displayed
Auto Power OFF	After 15 minutes
Measurement rate	2 per second, nominal
Input Impedance	7.8MΩ (V DC and V AC)
Operating Temperature	41ºF to 104ºF (5ºC to 40ºC)
Storage Temperature	-4°F to 140°F (-20°C to 60°C)
Operating Humidity	Max 80% up to 87ºF (31ºC) decreasing linearly to 50% at 104ºF(40ºC)
Storage Humidity	<80%
Operating Altitude	6560ft. (2000meters)
Batteries	(2) 1.5V AAA batteries
Weight	0.44lb (200g)
Size	7.87" x 1.97" x 1.38" (200x50x35mm)
Safety	For indoor use and in accordance with the requirements for double insulation to IEC1010-1 (1995): EN61010-1 (1995) Overvoltage Category III, Pollution Degree 2.

Meter Description

1. Transformer jaws
2. MAX Hold button
3. Hold button
4. LCD Display
5. COM Input Terminal
6. Jaw opening trigger
7. Function select switch
8. Voltage, Resistance Input Terminal
9. Mode Select Button
10. Backlight Button
11. Range Select Button



AC **A**lternating current
DC Direct currrent)
AUTO AutoRange mode
MAX MAX Hold mode
→|← Diode test mode
•))) Audible Continuity
HOLD Data Hold mode
Low Battery icon

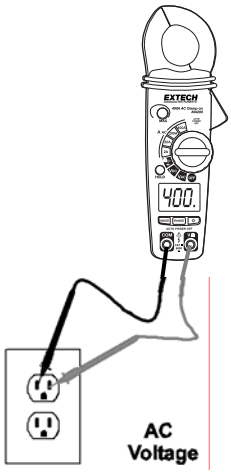


Operation

NOTICES: Read and understand all **warning** and **precaution** statements listed in the safety section of this operation manual prior to using this meter. Set the function select switch to the OFF position when the meter is not in use.

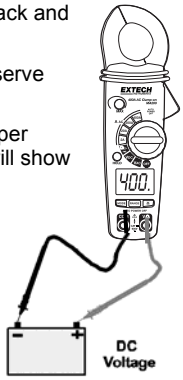
AC Voltage Measurements

1. Set the rotary function switch to the **VAC** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (COM) jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive (V/Ω) jack
3. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit under test
4. Read the voltage in the display. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value



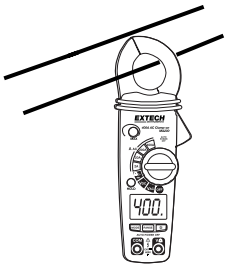
DC Voltage Measurements

1. Set the rotary function switch to the VDC position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (COM) jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive (V/Ω) jack
3. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit under test. Be sure to observe the correct polarity (red lead to positive, black lead to negative)
4. Read the voltage in the display. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value. If the polarity is reversed, the display will show (-) minus before the value



AC Current Measurements

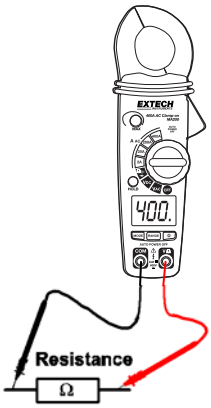
WARNING: Ensure that the test leads are disconnected from the meter before making current clamp measurements.



1. Set the Function switch to the **400 or 200A** range. If the range of the measured is not known, select the higher range first then move to the lower range if necessary.
2. Press the trigger to open jaw. Fully enclose one conductor to be measured.
3. The clamp meter LCD will display the reading.

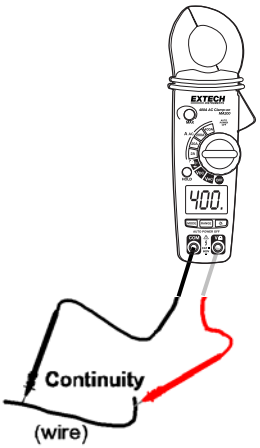
Resistance Measurements

1. Set the function switch to the Ω ⊣ •))) position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (COM) jack
   Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive (VΩ) jack.
3. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or part under test. It is best to disconnect one side of the part under test so the rest of the circuit will not interfere with the resistance reading.
4. Read the resistance in the display. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value.



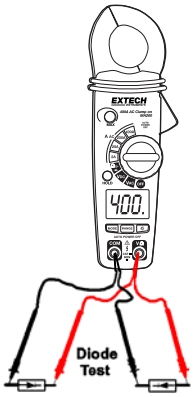
Continuity Check

1. Set the function switch to the Ω ⊣ •))) position.
2. Push the mode button to indicate •))) on the display.
3. Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative (COM) jack
   Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive (VΩ) jack.
4. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit or wire you wish to check.
5. If the resistance is less than approximately 30Ω, the audible signal will sound. If the circuit is open, the display will indicate “OL.”.



Diode Test

1. Turn the rotary switch to the Ω ▶| •))) position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (COM**)** jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive (VΩ) jack.
3. Push the mode button to indicate ▶| on the display.
4. Touch the test probes to the diode under test. Forward voltage will indicate 400 to 700mV. Reverse voltage will indicate “OL”. Shorted devices will indicate near 0mV. Shorted devices will indicate near 0mV and an open device will indicate “OL” in both polarities.



Data Hold

To freeze the LCD meter reading, press the data hold button. The data hold button is located on the left side of the meter (bottom button). While data hold is active, the **HOLD** display icon appears on the LCD. Press the data hold button again to return to normal operation.

MAX Hold

To hold the highest reading on the LCD, press the **MAX** button. The max hold button is located on the left side of the meter (top button). While data hold is active, the **MAX** display icon appears on the LCD. The meter reading will not change as readings change, rather it will only display the highest reading encountered since the max hold button was pressed. Press the max hold button again to return to normal operation.

Maintenance

WARNING: To avoid electrical shock, disconnect the meter from any circuit, remove the test leads from the input terminals and turn OFF the meter before opening the case. Do not operate with open case.

Cleaning and Storage

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use abrasives or solvents. If the meter is not to be used for periods of longer than 60 days, remove the batteries and store them separately

Battery Replacement

1. Remove the two rear Phillips head screws
2. Open the battery compartment
3. Replace the two 1.5V AAA batteries.
4. Re-assemble the meter

Warranty

EXTECH INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION warrants this instrument to be free of defects in parts and workmanship for one year from date of shipment (a six month limited warranty applies on sensors and cables). If it should become necessary to return the instrument for service during or beyond the warranty period, contact the Customer Service Department at (781) 890-7440 ext. 210 for authorization. **A Return Authorization (RA) number must be issued before any product is returned to Extech.** The sender is responsible for shipping charges, freight, insurance and proper packaging to prevent damage in transit. This warranty does not apply to defects resulting from action of the user such as misuse, improper wiring, operation outside of specification, improper maintenance or repair, or unauthorized modification. Extech specifically disclaims any implied warranties or merchantability or fitness for a specific purpose and will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental or consequential damages. Extech's total liability is limited to repair or replacement of the product. The warranty set forth above is inclusive and no other warranty, whether written or oral, is expressed or implied.

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